BAR HILL NEWS

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Despite invitations to other groups to take on the fireworks display, nobody is willing to do so. Therefore, there will not be an organised display this year.

The Residents' Association have been running the fireworks display on November 5th for longer than I can remember and I have been organizing it since 1980. The Residents' Association no longer has sufficient active members to continue with this public display.

Martin Avery
781233

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Copy date for the next issue is 15th October to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details.

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Dear Residents

May I ask why it is that Roger Hall (on at least two occasions now) has been given the chance of responding in print to a letter which appears in the same issue of the Bar Hill News? It seems that the rest of us have to wait a month for, potentially, a reply to be considered for inclusion.

As I alluded to in my original letter, Mr Hall has been unable to resist responding to it. In referring to my letter at "petty", he is re-affirming my stance that he cannot tolerate an opinion or view which differs from his own, petty meaning "of little or no importance or consequence". Once again, he is being dismissive and I note with interest Dr and Mrs Nairn's comment with reference to a police reported anti-social incident on the night of the Fête.

No one denies the hard work and time invested by those who organise the Fête (or any other event for that matter) for the enjoyment of local people. All too often this crucial voluntary work goes unnoticed and without acknowledgement but my point was that everyone is entitled to an opinion. I find it interesting that Mr Hall sees his role as Chairman of the Residents' Association to "defend" these good people in such a patronising and austere manner. The Tesco Employee was not, in my view, attacking anyone, merely commenting on the outcome of an event.

He points out that he wrote his original letter as Chairman of the Residents' Association and not as an elected councillor. In whichever guise, I would hope that the values he holds in one position and the manner in which he conducts himself in both hold sway, whichever role he finds himself in. As such, his remark is considered petty.

In closing, I must say that Mr Hall is most fortunate to be in a position whereupon he can make himself available on a certain day 12 months ahead. Working for an employer which closes only 4 days a year, I work when I am rota'd to and therefore do not experience the same level of freedom and flexibility enjoyed by Mr Hall. Perhaps, in whichever capacity he sees fit, he would care to write to my Manager, on behalf of his resident/ constituent (me!) and request that I am available to attend the Fête? After all, I would hate to feel that I am "not part of the village community" and I would have no wish to "disappoint" him for not having attended the Fête for 6 years – assertions he levelled in his earlier letter at the much maligned Tesco employee.

Kind regards

Paul Jackson 16 Acorn Avenue

Dear Mr Jackson

The reason Roger Hall was given the right of reply to your and other people's letters on the subject of the Fête is because I believe it provides continuity to the argument. If Roger had been the first one to make a comment about you, and you had an email address, I would have offered you the right of reply. Incidentally, I always include ALL letters which I receive (apart from those which are potentially libellous) – there is no question of "potential" inclusion. *Editor.*

Dear BHN Editor

I was somewhat concerned about Roger Hall's reply to A tesco Employee in the August edition, but now after seeing further replies from him and the BHN Editor in the Sept edition received today I feel compelled to write as constructively as I can.

I am delighted that you cleared up a concern I also had about the initial Tesco Employee letter. Like the Nairns, I assumed that this letter must have been edited but you confirm not. In that case Mr Hall has made comments in reply in August BHN that make no sense and bear no relation to the letter. Comments such as "in 6 years" and even his quote starting "Your comment....on "summer month's madness" is offensive', must have come from another source, either in a separate discussion afterwards or from knowledge he has gained since the letter was passed to BHN. In this case, his letter should have been edited, to stick to point in his right to reply, pertaining to the issues raised in the Tesco Employee letter. His comment that the Employee "obviously not feeling to be part of Bar Hill" is equally personally offensive. His reply today to Mr Jackson about a "petty" reply is what caused me to write.

I support his right to reply, but it does not allow him the right to make comments outside of the scope of the letter he was replying to, and then dismiss other letters equally so; whatever "hat" he wears to justify it does not make it right! As a BHN reader I simply could not piece together the several comments he made in reply to one from the Employee about anti-social behaviour and neither could other readers I've spoken to about it. The BHN Editorial team should not have allowed such extra comments either and should have kept his reply in line with the letter to which he replied.

I do not want to get involved with comments about behaviour at the fête, and am absolutely sure that all who assist in setting up and making this event happen work hard and deserve the accolades, but let them not get too defensive about comments that may help to improve it even more longer term.

I also don't know anyone involved in the correspondence to date, so have no axe to grind. I just feel that his August reply was out of order in its manner, and his September reply equally so. The BHN Editor's comment to the Nairns wouldn't have been needed if she had not allowed Mr Hall the licence to go beyond the boundaries.

On the matter of speed limits around Bar Hill, having lived here 19 years now, I have never understood why the perimeter limit is set at 40 mph. 30 mph would be enough, and residential streets should be 20 mph. I jog/run around Bar Hill every other day; it's not just young kids that dash round. What is worse is the corner cutting when drivers do right-turns into their streets. How accidents have not occurred up to now is beyond me - at my street Field View for example. Better marking at junctions would help.

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Finally, I don't know why you allowed Mr Boughton-Fox to use the August BHN in thanking a doctor moving on, to make an almost blatant advert to suggest BH residents move to that Doctor's new Over practice - "only 10 minutes by car" he emphasises. Tell that to those without transport, the infirm and elderly. Or does he intend to offer his services to get them there? His article was of no use or benefit to BHN residents so why you allowed it was beyond me.

Kind Regards

Vaughan Dickinson

Field View

Dear Residents

The Editor seems to be coming in for some "flak" at the moment. When a resident writes a letter to the Bar Hill News I publish it in full. The only time I change it is if there is some misspelling, a typo, some poor grammar or a libellous comment. I don't see it as my role to cut pieces out of a resident's letter or to instruct them what to write. I consider that would be very dangerous. You will all be familiar with the saying "You can't please all the people all the time": perhaps if I please some of the people some of the time that is the best I can hope for! Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, and that's mine!

Anyone who feels strongly about the way I edit the Bar Hill News is welcome to come along to a meeting of the Residents' Association and discuss this with me and other members of the Committee. We meet in the Parish Council Office on the second Monday of the month at 8 pm. *Editor*

Dear Editor,

I would like to write a short response to Anita Briginshaw's letter in September's edition of BHN. I understand that her family have had difficulty with traffic moving too fast down the hill at the corner of Brambles and Crafts Way causing accidents. Please remember when looking at the statistics that I was writing about, a broad overview of all traffic incidents over 25 years and gave a link so that others could view the full data for themselves. The data clearly shows that generally Bar Hill has a low rate of traffic accidents and what Anita Briginshaw referred to as traffic incidents (where no one was hurt) were mentioned in my original letter.

However, as with all statistics they do not highlight individual incidents or problems in specific areas of Bar Hill. The incidents which she has been describing are clearly dangerous and unacceptable and I would invite her to get in contact with me in order to raise a petition for traffic calming measures like the ones proposed by Margaret Sellars (Chairperson of the Parish Council).

Regards,

Rev Anthony William Mitchell

139 Pheasant Rise

Dear Residents

Speeding

I spoke to Police Officers at the Panel meeting and was informed that speed checks had been carried out on the ring road, and results were available on the constabulary's website under Histon Sector. Use this link - www.cambs-police.co.uk/roadsafety/speed_survey_results.asp . I asked that speed checks continue and was told that these were planned. This is good news because, before any kind of speed restrictions could be put in place, evidence would be required that quite a number of motorists were exceeding the speed limit of 40 mph. If you are on e-cops you will see that our PCSO Mani does do speed checks and has had occasion to issue tickets to drivers. E-cops is a service which you can sign up to on the constabulary's website and you will receive regular emails from Police officers about Police activity in this area.

Margaret Sellars

Chairman Parish Council

Dear Editor

Re Margaret Sellars' letter BHN September. Volunteers to help in the library is a good idea. But any addition to the Parish Council precept is not. We already pay County Council tax for a library service so an added Parish Council tax is in effect double taxation. Alternative approaches could include:

1) A charge of say 10p per book, per week for borrowers.

2) Privatise the library service.

Yours faithfully

Michael Boughton-Fox

93 Hollytrees

Dear Editor

New Square in front of the Parish Council Offices

What a great improvement the new square layout is – a pity it has been spoilt by the asphalt finish around the outside of the paving blocks.

This looks like it was done by a crew of .... using cheap Bitmac-type asphalt. There should have been a straight edge cut along the existing surface, to give a neat level finish and sealed with a liquid bitumen. Instead the Bitmac was just run out. This is already starting to spall at the edges, which in time will cause a crack to appear. Also before the Bitmac was laid, the existing surface should have been sprayed with weed miller or a layer of lime put down to stop weed growth. Come next spring I reckon that there will be more weeds than asphalt showing. The weeds are already growing through the Bitmac. This says to me that there cannot be any great depth to the asphalt.

A good job spoilt for ha'p'orth of tar.

M R Slater (retired Building Engineer)

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After several months of discussions and researching and meetings, the Colts are pleased to be able to report that we have our very own storage shed located at the rear of the farmhouse

We are extremely grateful to **Peter Cornwell** (below) for all his hard work in getting this project complete.

We would also thank the Parish Council for allowing us to use the area and their contribution to the cost. We have now moved all our equipment, goals, nets, posts, chalk etc into the shed and hope that everyone will respect our Club storage shed.

RAMPANT RAVENS

Ravens 11 - 1 Bluntisham Blasters

The Under 11's kicked off with a dominant performance against Bluntisham. The home side started very strongly and were 3-0 up after 5 minutes. The Ravens were on top in the early exchanges and passed the ball with maturity, which stretched the opposition to open up several more opportunities. Leading 6 - 0 at half time the boys deserved a well-earned rest before the second half began.

In the second period Bar Hill controlled the game and continued to punish the away team with clinical finishing and fine possession play. Goals from **Kieron Murphy (3), Harry Sargent (3), Ali Rees (2), James Debono, Harry Peterson** and **Jeevan Papamihail** sealed a fantastic victory. Every player contributed in a terrific match to get the season under way

Well done!!

If you want to support the team at the next home game – it is on 22 October against Longstanton.

ROCKING ROCKETS

Rockets 7 - 3 Caldecote

The Under 8s first game of the new season started exceptionally well for the Rockets, the first league game the Rockets have ever played resulted in a 7 – 3 victory.

As 10:00am came round, nerves set in along with a lot of pride watching the Rockets team taking to the field for the first time. I am sure all the other parents of both teams were feeling the same way as well as all the children, but the nerves were soon gone as the whistle blew. First on the score sheet for the Rockets was **Seth O'Neill** following some fine play by the team, showing some excellent interactive play, the second was closely followed from **Sam Connor**. At the end of the first quarter the Rockets were ahead - an unbelievable start.

The second period seemed to go very quickly, with goals at both ends. Other goal scorers include **Ben Grieves, Shammah Nhamonesu** with **Seth** getting his second and **Sam** completing his hat trick.

Congratulations to the children and thanks go to everyone who came along to offer support to the team, we hope you enjoyed the spirit in which the game was conducted.

Sharon has promised to bake a chocolate cake for the next game and who knows what delights she will cook up for the game in October? All money that will be raised will go back into the team for much needed training aids and kit.

Next home game for Rockets is on the 22 October against Gamlingay.

AND FROM THE GIRLS…

Nicole Brown of the Under 16 girls team opened the scoring against Buckden but were unable to hold on as the hosts scored on three occasions.

Bombers 8 – 3 Cambourne

The Under 13s started their season in great fashion and soon after half time were 5 goals up. The remainder of the game saw each team score 3 goals apiece. Man of the match, **Jordan Ellwood** completed his hat trick with further goals from **Callum Bacon (2), George Oldham, Josh Heaford,** and **Sam Andrews**

The team have successive home games on 2 October against Stukeley (pm kick off) and Burwell (am kick off) so come and see the team for yourselves.

Bulletts 6 – 3 Swavesey

The Under 10s entertained their local rivals in a final pre-season friendly. The team proudly showed off their new shirts courtesy of their sponsor before putting six goals past their opponents

The team will be parading their new strip at home against Panthers on 8 October.

Rangers 5 – 2 Waterbeach

The Under 16 Rangers started their league campaign after very little business in the transfer market for last seasons Division D Champions & Knockout Cup Winners. Two players, **Sebastian Wayman** scorer of one of the goals and the returning **Jim Murray**, contributed to the team's winning start of 5 – 2 against Waterbeach.

Other goals from **Kieron Welch, Luke Thomas, Dan Paine** and **Joe Northfield**

Next month…

A new team's manager and coach will be revealed.

Good luck to all of our teams and I hope you all enjoy the season ahead.

Vicky x

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to Dr Pat Ryan. Thank you for taking an interest in my article, though I felt the tone was rather negative.

The purpose of the Tread Lightly series is to try and encourage people to make small changes to their lifestyle that will combine to make a big difference to the planet. The fact that many of these changes can also help to save money shows this can be a win-win situation.

It does not claim to be an in-depth discussion or scientific paper (and with a 300 word limit that would be impossible!). It is designed to give people a flavour of a 'Tread Lightly' themed topic, so they can find out more by doing further reading if they wish, along with a couple of ideas to make some changes.

I do not pluck the contents of these articles out of thin air and my references for the article referred to include:

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article5604401.ece and http://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/

As somebody actually involved in the farming industry, I did not use the article to complain about modern farming at all. Modern farming practices (necessary for a growing population) have had an effect on hedgerows etc and therefore on wildlife. The NFU and farming industry are aware of this and are looking at a number of ways to be more environmentally conscious e.g finding ways to set aside areas for the wildlife population.

With reference to the 'greatest error' mentioned by Dr Ryan, the examples of bee friendly plants (and they were only intended as a few examples!) given in the article were chosen for types and because they flower at different times of the year e.g.:

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Compiler of the Tread Lightly articles

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The most important need seems to be how to access safely the Guided Bus at Longstanton. There is on the first section no safe cycleway/footway and only on reaching the outskirts of Longstanton is there any reasonably safe route.

The second need seems to be access to Cambridge via Dry Drayton and Madingley. This again has sections that are unsafe for cyclists and walkers. However having badgered the County Council things are starting to move although slowly.

The third need is a route to Camborne, this would be much longer and more difficult to achieve.

What are your views and suggestions?

Please contact John on 07801560990 or email him at j.e.reynolds@ntlworld.com.

Yours
John Reynolds
County Councillor

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Coffee mornings

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Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends will be held on 19 October, starting at 7 pm. We'll being reviewing the past year and looking at the year to come, as well as appointing the committee. All Friends will be most welcome.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

This month there is another event in our series of talks open to all. Pam Harper is coming on **Wednesday 26 October at 7 pm** to tell us about the history of the charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Please get your ticket from Library staff in advance if you can. Tickets are £3 for the public, and for Friends they are a bargain at £1.50.

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If you would like to come and feel that you would like to meet with Norma before hand, please call as above.

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The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in HD, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a quiet drink in our conservatory bar.

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What's on in October?

Sat 1st - Membership draw night
Sat 15th - Membership draw night
Sat 29th - Membership draw night
Sat 29th - Kids' Halloween Party with Potty Patrick

Looking Ahead...

Sat 5th November, Disco and Karaoke with Lady Stardust.

Christmas Draw

Seems a long way away but Christmas will soon be here! The BHSSC Christmas draw tickets will be available from early October. Your chance to win some great prizes.

Saturday Football Team

Great start to the new season. Both Teams are second in their leagues, missing the top spot by goal difference.

Fixtures

Bar Hill Sports & Social, Kershaw BIS 3B League
Sat, 15th, 1500 Home to Wimblington Reserves.
Sat, 22th 1500 Away to Sutton United, Junior Challenge cup.
Sat, 29th 1500 Away to Barton Mills.
Sat, 05 Nov, 1400 Away to Wisbech St. Mary A.

Bar Hill Sports & Social Reserves, Kershaw BIS 5B League
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Sat, 15th, 1500 Away to Cambourne Rovers Reserves
Sat, 29th, 1500 Away to Melbourn.
Sat, 5th Nov, 1400 Home to Mott MacDonald.

Membership renewals

Just a reminder that membership renewals for 2012 will be due in December and January. Cost for next year is £8.

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, first year membership is £8. Pop in to have a look around and a drink. Please ask the doorman or bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times. The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 years olds. This is a one off payment of £5 and is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

At the start of this new school year, I would like welcome all of our new families. The Reception children are already settling in well and finding their way about the school!

As usual we have a term full of activities ahead. On October the 6th we will be holding our annual Harvest Festival. We will be collecting dry food goods to send to the Cambridge Food Bank. Grandparents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be invited to attend the Harvest Festival assembly. Please watch out for further information.
October is 'Walk to School' month and we will be encouraging everyone to walk to school, or use their bicycles. This is a great opportunity to get fit before the weather gets colder (and to collect a few conkers on the way!).

School photographs, individual and family groups, will be taken on Thursday, 13th of October. Further information will be sent home prior to the photography session.

School will be closed on Friday 21st October (the Friday before half term week) as this is a staff training day.

As some of you may know we had some staff changes at the end of last term. We said farewell to Mrs Worth who was our Year 1 teacher and we now welcome Mr David Hawkins as our Key Stage 1 leader and Infants' teacher, Mr David Hunns who will work with Mrs Mayer in Year 5 and Mrs Anna Flack who will work with Miss Hindmarch in Year 3. We wish them all a warm welcome and hope they will soon be part of the school family.

I look forward to meeting you out and about in the village over the next few months.
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Lin Whyte and staff.

Family Fun Day at Bar Hill Church

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HAPPY HOURS

August was a quiet month with a Bank Holiday to finish so also a shorter month. We have commenced our knock-out games competitions which Anne organised again for us this year.

Due to his continued ill health Terry has had to resign as Treasurer which has left us with a very large hole in the Committee and with help in the Club. One of our members has agreed to take over as Treasurer but this still leaves us wanting more help. What we need is some active members to join. Without this our Club, which is clearly needed for the elderly and lonely, is in grave danger of closing.

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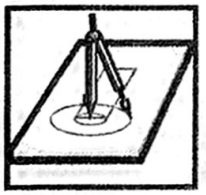

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BIN COLLECTION DATES

5 October	Black bin
12 October	Green and **blue bins**
19 October	Black bin
26 October	Green and **blue bins**
2 November	Black bin

Football Project

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The officers of the Management Committee are:

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Secretary Paul Thorby
Treasurer Jairo Marin

The Allotment Society

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Wednesdays the 9th and 23rd November 10 am to 4 pm

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According to Aylesford Newsprint, it's also resulted in an increase in the amount of paper recycled, around 6,000 tonnes a year.

POLICE PANEL MEETING

We attended this meeting which is extremely useful in setting priorities for your village. However, please do contact us if you see anti-social behaviour, have any problems on the village so that we can report this at the meeting. These concerns are taken very seriously by our police.

If we can be of any help please contact us:

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In August I carried out a 2 hour police survey in Hanover Close, Bar Hill. I consulted with a large number of residents and the outcome was positive with no issues identified.

In September we had an incident report in Hollytrees, unknown offender(s) stole a metal framed work bench and radiator from near the garage at the front of a residential property.

First week of September there was an incident report in Hillcrest. A blue Vauxhall Corsa was parked up in a courtyard of a residential area, when unknown offender (s) cut the fuel pipe and took the fuel.

High visibility patrols speed checks and community contacts have been carried out in Bar Hill,

I welcome anyone to contact me directly on: Bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk if you wish to let me know of any issues you may be experiencing.

Kind Regards
B. MANI
Histon Neighbourhood Policing Team

COFFEE AND KIDS

Coffee and Kids is run by Bar Hill Childminders for parents, carers and childminders of babies and pre school children. It is a very informal session held in the Octagon on Thursday mornings (term time only) from 9.45 am to 11.15 am. The price of £2.00 per family/childminder includes hot drinks for the adults and soft drinks and healthy snacks for the children. We have a large range of indoor and outdoor toys and a safe soft play area for babies. Call Melanie on 01954 204496 for more details

Bar Hill Childminders

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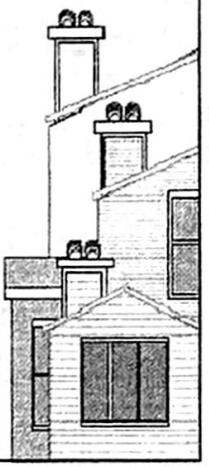

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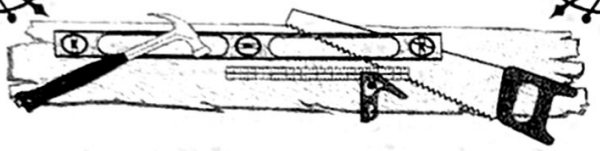

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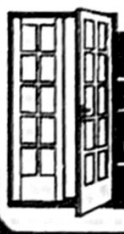

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We are situated just off the school green next door to the primary school; please feel free to pop in for a visit. Alternatively we hold termly open mornings for all our new starters when you and your child may visit together.

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Maple Surgery News

'Flu Clinic

This year's clinic is planned for Saturday 15th October at the surgery and letters have been sent inviting you to attend on that date if you are over 65 or fall within an 'at risk' group. If you are unable to attend on that date then please contact Reception **after** the 15th October when an alternative appointment can be arranged for you.

Diabetes Awareness Event

This event is being organised for people within the Bar Hill area in conjunction with our Patient Participation Group and will take place one evening during November - date to be confirmed and will appear on posters around the village and in the next edition of the BHN.

Appointments

If you are unable to attend your appointment please remember to let us know in plenty of time so we can offer the appointment time to another patient. In the last 3 months 85 patients failed to attend their appointment.

Extended hours

Our early morning GP and Nurse clinics are proving very popular with patients, particularly those who find it difficult to get to the surgery during normal hours. Feedback is very positive, one patient stated "this is a fantastic service as I had an appointment at 7 am on my way to work, which was *very* convenient!"

Contacting you

Sometimes we need to get in touch and its really helpful if we have your up-to-date contact details. Please let us know of any changes, particularly to your mobile phone number.

Practice closures

We continue to close one afternoon per month for staff training and to continue with our quality improvement plans for the Surgery. This month we will be closed from 1 pm on Thursday 20th October.

Staff News

Dr Brendan Boyle, our Senior Partner, is semi-retiring at the beginning of October and will not be holding regular surgeries at Maple but will still be heavily involved in the management of the Practice and overseeing its continued improvement. However, he will hold surgeries at Maple on an ad hoc basis to cover when colleagues are on leave.

We are delighted to welcome Elizabeth Herrington to our Nursing Team. Elizabeth, who is a very experienced Practice Nurse and Nurse Prescriber, joins us in early October. She will compliment the current clinical team by dealing with a range of minor illness conditions.

Best wishes from The Maple Surgery Team

Are you running your business from home but are running out of room?
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The accommodation is suitable for one or two tenants, depending on requirements.

If you wish to view, please contact the Clerk – phone 01954 780456, email bhill-1@btconnect.com, or in person at the Parish Council, Hanover Close (next to the Octagon).

Bar Hill Fête 2012

Plans are already underway for next year's fête. Most importantly we have set the date for 30th June 2012. Make sure you keep this day free in your diary and ensure friends and family do too. We are hoping to repeat the success of this year with many more stalls, rides and attractions as well as repeating the hugely popular dog show, the fun run and the evening entertainment.

If you would like to get involved or would like to learn more about how your organisation can benefit from this event then drop an email to barhillfete@hotmail.com or come along to our next meeting.

Tesco are very kindly hosting our meetings with tea and cakes in their training room at the back of the store. Our next meeting is planned for 11th October at 7.30 p.m.

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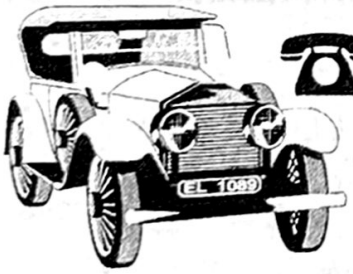

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Parish Council Web Site – www.barhillpc.org.uk.
This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

Hedging

Due to the current economic climate we have had to make cut backs this year so the Parish Council is asking residents to take a look over their garden fences and if you see any weeds or brambles that need to be cut back. Please help the Parish Council by cutting these back yourselves. Obviously if it's too big a job, then contact me and I will arrange for an inspection with a view to having this done some time during the course of the year.

Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)

This is the Order which allows the Police to confiscate alcohol from any person who may be committing anti-social behaviour. The Parish Council has been having discussions with the Police and South Cambs Officers about revoking this Order because it is classed as out of date for this village now. If you have any comments to make on this matter please contact me. There will be up dates on this matter as the situation develops.

Parish Council Meetings

The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 20 October at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is an Open Forum at the start of the meeting for residents to put their views across. Please come along if you have an issue to raise, or if you just want to see what goes on at our meetings.

Village Notice Board

This is very popular with residents who stop and look at the notices as they come into the shopping area. May I remind residents/organisations that notices should not be placed on fences/street lights etc. Please send your notice to me for inclusion on the notice board.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Streetlights: 0800 253529 quoting the CCC No. (written on lamppost).

South Cambridgeshire District Council: (03450 450500)

County Council (damaged paths and roads): (01223) 717111

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Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk

Tel: 01954 780456

Email: bhillpc-1@btconnect.com

VILLAGE HALL

To book or contact us at the village hall, please telephone 01954 782414 and leave a message (speak slowly and clearly please) and we will call you back within 24 hours Monday-Friday, OR e-mail us on barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

Mon	Helene Jones Dance	3.30-8.15 pm
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Zumba	10 - 11 am
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Tues	Danielle (Boot Camp)	8-9.00 pm
Wed	Helen Jones (Dance)	4-6.45 pm
Wed	Zumba	7-8 pm
Wed	Pilates	8-9 pm
Thurs	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30 am
Thurs	Pilates	10.30-11.30 am
Thurs	Karate	4 - 5 pm
Thurs	Weightwatchers	6 - 8 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	6.30-8.30 pm
Sat	Sweat and Tone	8 - 9 am
Sat	Zumba	9 - 10 am
Sun	Bingo (doors open 7.15)	7.45-9.30 pm

Cash prices - No Bingo on Bank Holiday Sundays
(Please contact the office for details)

Carol Griffin

Are you an experienced office worker looking for a few hours' work a week?

The Parish Council is looking for such a person to assist the Clerk in the day to day running of the affairs of the village. The hours/days could be arranged by mutual agreement but would be an average of 6 hours a week. Salary according to experience.

Qualities required:
Experience of working in an office
Ability to deal with enquiries from members of the public in person and on the phone
Ability to be discreet whilst dealing with the Council's business

Duties:
Filing
Running errands – eg Post Office
Shredding confidential material
Manning the office during the Clerk's absence.

References will be required.

If you think this could be for you, please contact the Clerk by telephone 01954 780456, email bhillpc-1@btconnect.com, or by letter through the Council's Office next to the Octagon. Closing date 20 October 2011.

Waste Not Want Not!

With all of the current concerns about money and if there will be enough food to go around, it is staggering to find out that in the UK we throw away **8.3 million tonnes** of food every year.

This waste costs the average family, with children, £680 a year, or £50 a month. This squandering of money is something few can afford.

There is also a heavy environmental cost to pay – if we all stop wasting food, the CO_2 impact would be the equivalent of taking 1 in 4 cars off the road.

Below are some easy ways to cut down on the amount of food you waste and save up to £50 per month:

- ☺ Regularly check use by dates to ensure that you are using food rather than throwing it away. Meat, fish and ready meals tend to be the most expensive items, so it is worth getting into this habit.
- ☺ Learn about food labelling – 'best before' is more an indicator of quality (except eggs) and 'display until' is the information for the retailer not the customer.
- ☺ Use up your leftovers - there are plenty of top recipes around, including ones by Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.
- ☺ Plan your weekly meals and then write a shopping list, to ensure you only buy what you need.
- ☺ Use storage containers to help preserve food.
- ☺ Freeze surplus food rather than throwing it away and if your sausages or other foods are getting close to their use by date, freeze them.
- ☺ Compost peelings.
- ☺ Measure your portions – especially the carbs (rice, potatoes and pasta) as these tend to be the thing a lot of people cook too much of and end up throwing away.

For more information and tips go to www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

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We are situated in our purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. We provide childcare for children **aged 3-14** in a safe, stimulating and caring home from home environment with trained and experienced staff. The children walk directly to us when school finishes, with the reception and infant children being met in the reception classes and then accompanied to our building by our staff.

Our children enjoy a wide range of inspiring equipment, games and craft activities, from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft and lots more, or if they prefer they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor play. A snack, such as pasta, filled pittas etc followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit is provided. We make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which we share.

We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/ guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:

Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday
School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday

Our fees are:

Term Time £3.95/hour for 1st child and £3.50/hour for siblings, which includes the snack.

School Holidays which also include the snack have special day rates:

8.15 am – 6 pm £26.00 (£2.66/hr)
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1.15 pm – 5.30 pm £14.00
10 am – 12 pm Holiday craft sessions £5.00/Session

We are now pleased to be able to offer childcare to 3 year olds, both after Pre-School and during the school holidays.

Whether you are looking for full time, part time or just occasional childcare, or our special holiday craft sessions, we are able to offer all of these. Please feel free to contact us if you would like any more information or would like to come along and see what we have to offer.

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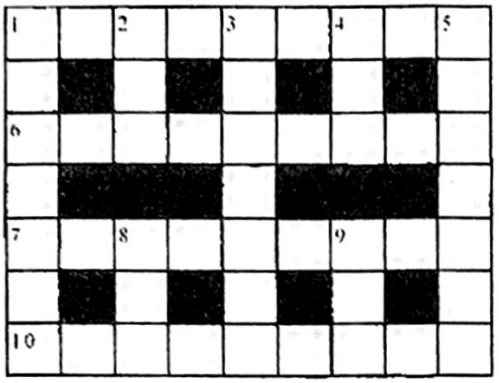

Clues for October

Across: 1 Bulwer Lytton's house, 6 surround, 7 of tailoring, 10 revoked.

Down: 1 Israeli Parliament, 2 trade agreement, 3 great house near Orwell, 4 they own Wisley, 5 shoved, 8 moved swiftly, 9 not well.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for October 2011

A modern church for a modern village. Please join us on a Sunday to find out what happens inside; you will be made very welcome.

Sun 2nd	10 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening worship
Sun 9th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning worship
	3 pm	Family fun
	6.30 pm	Evening prayer
Sun 16th	10 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	**No evening service**
Sun 23rd	10 am	Morning worship
	6.30 pm	Communion by extension
Wed 26th	10 am	Monthly Communion
Sun 30th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Quaker meeting
	3 pm - 6 pm	*All-age Light Party*

A Roman Catholic service on Saturday evenings at 6 pm

People to contact:
Church Centre Manager: Tel/Fax: 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30)

Websitewww.barhillchurch.org.uk

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Mass at Bar Hill Octagon Saturdays: 6 pm First Mass of Sunday

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8 am and 12.15 pm
Tuesday	8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday	6 pm First Mass of Sundays

Also 5 pm at The Ark, Cambourne, and 6 pm at Bar Hill Church Centre

Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday	6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday	10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

NWR is a countrywide network of autonomous groups of lively minded women. We promote friendship and self confidence, share ideas, discuss topics, listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

13th October Planning Meeting Venue: Jackie's
27th October Lace and Lace Making Venue: Bobby's
10th November Russian Evening – Talk, with DVD by Jackie and Jenny about their holiday. Venue: Karen's

The Bar Hill group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1 per meeting to cover costs. All women are welcome. If you would like more information, or someone to accompany you to a meeting please do not hesitate to call Jenny O'Dell on 201269 or Jackie Ellis on 780523. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk,: why not have a look!

Bar Hill Pre-School

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We have two settings in the village located at the Village Hall Centre and Church Centre. Both Pre School settings have bright and airy rooms, both gardens are fully secure and enclosed. We provide safe, secure, independent learning environments for children aged 2-5 years.

Our ethos is to ensure a high quality of care and education by focussing on each individual child's ability, interests and we encourage their development throughout the Early Years Foundation stage.

Our key person and buddy system enables our Early Years team to meet the needs of individuals through planning child focussed next steps.

We have a snack bar where all children in turn prepare a variety of healthy balanced foods for themselves and peers twice a day.

Snack times help children to develop independence through preparing, making choices, serving food and refreshments.

We pride ourselves in providing outstanding Parental/ Carer partnership and use communication diaries to encourage working together.

Moving on sessions

These sessions are for children in their final year at Pre School. This is a more structured session preparing children for school entry.

Flexible childcare and Early Years funding

We are registered for and offer 15 hours free flexible childcare for the term after a child's 3rd birthday.

Playtots Sessions

These are held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9.15-10.45. They are for Parents/Carers and children up to 5 years old including babies. We have lots of fun and have a large selection of indoor/outdoor activities including our soft play den and toys especially for the tots. Sessions are held on a pay as you play basis. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

For more information please contact either Pre School on the above numbers or feel free to pop in and meet our Managers and Early Years team during session times.

Our session allocation Co-ordinator Sarah is always on hand to support you through the registration process. Email: enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you and your child.

AGM - SEE PAGE 7

Neighbourhood Watch Update

NHW is a partnership between residents and the police to develop safer communities. Its effectiveness is recognised by Insurance Companies who will often give a reduced home insurance premium for residents in NHW schemes – if your road is registered then it is worth mentioning that when you next seek quotes. More about how NHW operates in future articles.

Meanwhile, NHW in Bar Hill continues to recruit and register new street co-ordinators as well as benefiting from the experience of long standing co-ordinators. Residents who do not have a yellow NHW window sticker will be offered one, together with useful information and contacts - and it's all free!

Currently, we are not aware of registered co-ordinators in some roads:

The Brambles
Parts of Acorn, Hillcrest and Appletrees
Fieldview
Stonefield
Oatlands
Partridge Drive

I would be very happy to hear from anyone who is acting as a co-ordinator in these roads or who thinks they might be interested in helping – please feel free to ring me to find out more.

Pam Vendy, NHW Village Co-ordinator tel.201001

MAPLE SURGERY

So that essential staff training can take place, the Surgery will be **closed** on the following dates:

October 20th (Note change), November 22nd, December 15th.

Urgent Care Cambridgeshire will be dealing with emergencies

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8 O'CLOCK CLUB

The 8 o'clock club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of each month. As the name suggests we start at 8 p.m. Our programme for the new term is as follows:-

6 October - Putting the house to bed
3 November - My life as a country doctor
1 December - Christmas dinner – members only

If you would like to come along to a meeting please feel free to join us for one of the meetings or phone Barbara 204171, Adela 204265 or Ann 204687

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Would Members please note that the October meeting is the Annual General Meeting that starts at 8 pm.